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For: MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND)	
METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE)	
PRESENCE OF A NUCLEIC ACID)	
ANALYTE IN A SAMPLE)	

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 27, 2005, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.